

To-day's
Advertisements.

ANNOUNCEMENT

HARMSTON'S
CIRCUS.IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE DEATH
OFHER MOST GRACIOUS
MAJESTY THE QUEEN

There will be no Performance

This Evening.

SEE THURSDAY'S PAPERS.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [64c]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place as under:—

On 24th January, 1901, from East Battery, STONECUTTERS' ISLAND.
All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the Ranges.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [102c]

EOTHAN MARK LODGE,
No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 5 for 5:30 P.M. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [104c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [106c]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG,"
Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light and carries a Doctor.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [108c]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"
Captain G. T. Blackland, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.
A Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [106c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHINGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIATERESA,"
Captain Rassevich, will leave for the above Place, on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [107c]

THE OSAKA SHOEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANPOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"
Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th Feb., at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [103c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE,"
Having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 30th instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th instant, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [152c]

To-day's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

Lessons and Proprietors:
Mrs. N. CHESTER,
Messrs. A. H. & E. J. POLLARD.

THERE WILL BE NO
PERFORMANCE IN THE CITY
HALL TO-NIGHTOF
POLLARD'S
LILLIPUTIAN
OPERA Co.

OF 50 PERFORMERS.

TO-MORROW NIGHT,

Last Night of the Sparkling Musical Comedy,

"IN TOWN."

FRIDAY NEXT, 25th January.

"THE LADY SLAVE."

SATURDAY NEXT AFTERNOON,

LAST GRAND MATINEE,

"THE LADY SLAVE."

Children, Amahs, Schools, Half-price.

PLAN at ROBINSON'S. PRICES AS USUAL.

Doors Open at 8 P.M.

Performance starts punctually at 9 P.M.

Carriages at 11.45 P.M.

The Star Ferry Co. has kindly consented to delay the last ferry to 12.15.

A. H. POLLARD, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [1514b]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE

SCOTCH CONCERT,

Advised for FRIDAY, 25th January

Next, has been Abandoned.

THE Money Paid for Seats will be returned to TICKET-HOLDERS, by THE ROBINSON PIANO Co.

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [101c]

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS
AND SHIPBUILDERS OF
HONGKONG.

DANCE.

THE DANCE arranged for the 28th instant, will be indefinitely POSTPONED.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901. [105c]

Intimations.

WANTED.

THREE or FOUR LADS

TO SELL the

"HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH."

LIBERAL COMMISSION

PAID.

Apply Personally at

THIS OFFICE.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1901.

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Mr. N. LAZARUS,

Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta

may be consulted for SPECTACLES

at 16, Queen's Road Central,

(B. HOUGHTON & Co.)
(Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).
Business hours—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of cataracts and

diseases affecting those advancing in life

occur to those having some deficiency in the

construction of the eyes—the many years of

"Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease.

Glasses specially adapted in youth to those

requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of

dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters

running together; any of these symptoms indi-

cate a deficiency in the form of the eye requir-

ing Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES

only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE. [1453b]

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A PAMPHLET

ON
SOME SERIOUS LOCAL PROBLEMS
AND
A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING
WITH THEM.
BEING A LECTURE DELIVERED
BEFORE
THE ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY
BY
MR. H. E. POLLOCK,
Barrister-at-Law.

To be obtained at the OFFICE of This Paper.

PRICE 30 CENTS.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1900.

NOW READY.

AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

RECEPTION OF H.M.S. "TERRIBLE"

IN

HONGKONG

AND THE

FESTIVITIES CONNECTED

THEREWITH.

WITH A

WOODCUT OF THE "TERRIBLE."

To be obtained at the OFFICE of This Paper.

PRICE 30 CENTS.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1900.

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early, for the issue of this interesting souvenir

will soon be exhausted.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1900.

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LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

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SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White

Capsule \$10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY,

MELLOW BLEND, Blue

Capsule, with Name

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LIVET, Red Capsule,

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D.—WATSON'S H.I.C.D., BLEND

OF THE FINEST SCOTCH

MALT WHISKIES, Vio-

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E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-

QUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY,

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THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S

GLENORCHY are high class Soda

Whiskies, of greater age than most

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ABELOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old

Pent Whisky, (smoky) and could not

now be replaced in stock at the price.

D. is well known for

its fine flavour.

E. is of superb quality

and pronounced by lead-

ing local connoisseurs to

be the best brand in the

Hongkong Market.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED,

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1901.

The sad news of the death of Her Majesty

the Queen after an illness of only four days

will come as a blow to her subjects through-

out the whole of the vast British Empire, or

in other words there will be mourning the

world over. And the mourning will be

sincere too. It will not be just the outward

token of respect which custom demands, but

each and everyone must feel that in our

Queen we have lost more than a mere sov-

ereign, for she was the friend and mother of

all her subjects and by a thousand little

acts of unstudied kindness and thought-

fulness has constantly endeared herself to

everyone. As the leader of society the

Queen set an example such as the world has

never before seen, and which has left its

impression upon Britain and the British.

In her, every domestic virtue was per-

sonified and her influence upon her

people has been, from this fact alone, im-

mense. She was the ideal womanly

woman, placing her duties to husband and

children on a par with her duty to God and

her country, and setting an example which

all of her subjects would benefit by following.

It is beyond question that under Queen Vic-

toria the British Court has been purer in

morals than any other court in history, and

this is directly attributable to the womanly

virtues of our lamented sovereign, who ever

set her face against all but what was upright,

pure and true, and this several people have

discovered to their cost.

The Queen too, held a restraining in-

fluence over her Ministers, and it is said that

but for her the nation would at times have been

plunged into costly wars which, however, her

Majesty possessed sufficient influence to avert.

She has ever been averse to warfare, and

would have been pleased to have seen the

Tsar's dream of universal peace become an

accomplished fact. Even a Queen however,

cannot alter human nature, and although she

has not been able to abolish war altogether,

she has concluded the longest reign in his-

tory without having to record an unnecessary

or unjust war, and that is a record of which

any sovereign might be proud. This re-
training and refining influence which the
Queen has exercised may be best illustrated
by a comparison of the manners of the peo-
ple in the last reign and this.VICTORIA ALEXANDRINA was born at
Kensington Palace on the 24th May, 1859,
and was the only child of the late Duke of
Kent and of the Princess LOUISA VICTORIA
of Saxe-Coburg, her parents, who were stay-
ing on the Continent, having hastened to
England that their child might be born a
"British." The Duke of Kent died on Jan. 23,
1842, and the general education of the young
Princess was directed under her mother's
care. The Duchess of Northampton

wife of the third Duke. Until within a few
weeks of her elevation to the throne, her life
was spent in comparative retirement, varied
by tours through different parts of the
United Kingdom. Queen Victoria succeeded
her uncle, WILLIAM IV., on June 20,
1837, as Victoria I., and her coronation was
celebrated in Westminster Abbey, on June
28, 1838. Her Majesty was married, on
Feb. 10, 1840, to his late Royal Highness
Prince ALBERT of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, by
whom she had issue:

I. H.R.H. VICTORIA ADELAIDE MARY
LOUISA, Princess-Royal, born Nov. 21,
1840; married Jan. 25, 1858, to H.R.H.
the Crown Prince, FREDERICK WILLIAM of
Prussia; (FRIEDRICH I. of Germany), widow
June 15, 1888.

II. H.R.H. ALBERT EDWARD, Prince of
Wales, born Nov. 9, 1841, married March 10,
1863, the Princess ALEXANDRA of Denmark;
Offspring:—(1) GEORGE, Duke of York, born
June 3, 1865, married July 6, 1893, to
VICTORIA MARY, daughter of the Duke of
Teck;—Offspring, EDWARD ALBERT, born
June 23, 1894; ALBERT FREDERICK ARTHUR
GEORGE, born December 14, 1895; VICTORIA
ALEXANDRA, born April 25, 1897; HENRY
WILLIAM FREDERICK ALBERT, born 1900.
(2) LOUISE, born Feb. 20, 1867, married to
ALEXANDRA VICTORIA, born May 17, 1891;
MAUD ALEXANDRA, born April 3, 1893; (3)
VICTORIA, born July 6, 1868; (4) MAUD,
born Nov. 26, 1869, married July 22, 1896, to
Prince CARL of Denmark.

III. H.R.H. Princess ALICE MAUD MARY,
born April 15, 1843, married July 1, 1862, to
Prince LOUIS of Hesse-Darmstadt (she died
Dec. 14th 1878); Offspring, Princess LOUIS
of Battenberg, born 1863; Grand Duchess Serge
of Russia, born 1864; Princess HENRY of
Prussia, born 1866; Grand Duke of Hesse,
born 1868; and the Empress of Russia, born
1872.

IV. H.R.H. Prince ALFRED ERNEST AL-
BERT, born Aug. 6, 1844, created Duke of
Edinburgh, May 24, 1866, married Jan. 23,
1874, the Grand Duchess MARIE ALEXAN-
DROVNA, only daughter of the Emperor of
Russia; (Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha Aug. 22,
1893) (died July 30, 1900) Offspring:—(1)
ALFRED, born Oct. 15, 1874; (2) MARIE,
born Oct. 29, 1875; married Jan. 10, 1893,
to Prince FERDINAND of Hohenzollern-
Sigmaringen, Crown Prince of Roumania.
Offspring:—CAROL, born Oct. 15, 1893;
ELIZABETH, born October, 11, 1894; (3)
VICTORIA, born Nov. 25, 1876; married
April 19, 1894, to ERNST-LUDWIG, Grand
Duke of Hesse. Offspring:—ELIZABETH,
born March 11, 1895; (4) ALEXANDRA,
born Sept. 1, 1878; married, April 20,
1896, to Prince ERNST, Hereditary
Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg. Off-
spring:—GOTTFRIED, born March 24, 1897;
(5) BEATRICE, born April 20, 1884.

V. H.R.H. Princess HELENA AUGUSTA
VICTORIA, born May 26, 1846, married July
5, 1866, to Prince CHRISTIAN of Schleswig-
Holstein; Offspring:—(1) CHRISTIAN, born
April 14, 1867, died 1900. (2) ALBERT JOHN,
born Feb. 26, 1869; (3) VICTORIA, born May
3, 1870; (4) LOUISE, born Aug. 12, 1872;
married to Prince ARTHUR of Anhalt, July
6, 1891.

VI. H.R.H. Princess LOUISE CAROLINE
ALBERTA, born March 18, 1848, married
to the Marquis of Lorne, March 21, 1871;
eldest son of the Duke of Argyll.

VII. H.R.H. Prince ARTHUR WILLIAM
PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught, born
May 1, 1850, married March 17, 1879, the
Princess LOUISE MARGARET ALEXANDRA
VICTORIA AGNES, third daughter of Prince
FREDERICK CHARLES of Prussia; Offspring:
(1) MARGARET VICTORIA, born Jan. 15,
1882; (2) ARTHUR, born Jan. 13, 1883;
(3) VICTORIA, born March 17, 1886.

VIII. H.R.H. Prince LEOPOLD GEORGE
DUNCAN ALBERT, Duke of Albany, born
April 7, 1853, married April 2, 1882, the
Princess HELEN FREDERICA AUGUSTA,
daughter of the Prince of WALDECK and
PYRMONT (he died March 27, 1884); left
two children, ALICE, born February 25,
1883; and CHARLES EDWARD, Duke of
Albany, born July 19, 1884.

IX. H.R.H. Princess BEATRICE MARY
VICTORIA FEODORA, born April 14, 1857,
married July 24, 1885, to Prince HENRY
MAURICE of Battenberg, who died 1896.
Offspring: (1) ALEXANDER ALBERT, born
Oct. 23, 1886; (2) VICTORIA EUGENIE, born
Oct. 24, 1887; (3) LEOPOLD ARTHUR LOUIS,
born May 21, 1889; (4) MAURICE VICTOR
DONALD, born October 3, 1891.

The first domestic grief which the
Queen suffered was the loss of her mother,
the Duchess of Kent, after a short
illness, March 7, 1861, followed by the
sudden death of the Prince Consort, on
Dec. 14 in the same year. Her Majesty's
intense sorrow for her irreparable loss,
although it in a great degree disqualified
her from appearing in public, and at court
ceremonies, and imposed on her the habits
of a life of comparative seclusion, was how-
ever, never allowed by her to interfere with
the performance of her important duties as
a sovereign. Neither did it check the ex-
ercise of that anxious interest which, ever
since her accession to the crown, steadily
manifested for the social welfare of her peo-
ple; nor cause her to relax her efforts to
encourage and reward subjects distinguished
for their talents and merits;

hoisted at half-mast at Government House, Headquarters House and on H.M. Ships *Tamar* and *Barfleur*. This occurred at about a quarter past nine this morning and was quickly followed by the hoisting of the ensigns of the various ships in port, the flags of the various Consulates and the house flags of the different firms. The sad significance of the flags was immediately understood, and the news spread like wildfire throughout the town, those of the various European stores which possessed shutters promptly putting them up as a sign of mourning.

At the Supreme Court, as announced in another column, the sitting was abandoned and all amusement for to-night, in the shape of the performances at the Theatre and the Circus, were cancelled. The Masonic Ball has been abandoned, as announced elsewhere, and it is said that the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders and the Hongkong Volunteers will both abandon the balls for which preparations were in active progress. There will be no rehearsals of the Amateur Dramatic Club until further notice, and as set forth in an advertisement, the Scotch Concert which was to have taken place on Friday next, has been cancelled.

The Navy.

The flags on all the vessels in the harbour were lowered to half-mast as soon as the sad news was known this morning, and 81 guns will probably be fired on the day of the funeral. The officers of the Navy have gone into mourning.

The Military.

Nothing much has been done in military circles by way of outward evidence of mourning, nor will be until instructions are received from home as to what is to be done. All officers go into mourning at once, and no bands are to play until further notice. Flags on Government property are all flying at half-mast. Minute guns will probably be fired on the day of the funeral, 81 being the number.

Council Meeting Postponed.

We have received the following for publication—
Council Chamber,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901.

Circular.
The Acting Clerk of Councils is commanded by His Excellency the Governor to state that the meeting of the Legislative Council summoned for Thursday, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m. will not take place.
(Signed) R. F. JOHNSON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

No Official News.

Up to the time of going to press no official intimation of Her Majesty's death is to hand, but this is not to be wondered at, as the cables will probably be blocked with messages. Some private wires came to hand this morning, and thus there can be no doubt that the sad news will be officially confirmed within the next few hours.

LEADING DATES OF THE REIGN.

General Events.

Succession of QUEEN VICTORIA.....	1837
Coronation of QUEEN VICTORIA.....	1838
The O'Connell State Trials.....	1844
The Railway Bill.....	1847
The Great Exhibition.....	1851
Death of Wellington.....	1852
Death of Prince Albert.....	1861
Marriage of Prince of Wales.....	1863
Death of Viscount Palmerston.....	1865
Atlantic Cable Laid.....	1866
Domination of Canada formed.....	1867
Murder of Lord Mayo.....	1872
Death of Livingstone.....	1873
Queen Proclaimed Empress of India.....	1876
Phoenix Park Murder.....	1882
Death of Gordon.....	1885
Jubilee of the Queen.....	1887
Relief of Emin Pasha.....	1889
Death of Duke of Clarence.....	1893
Diamond Jubilee of the Queen.....	1897
The Queen visits Ireland.....	1900
Duke of Saxe-Coburg (Edinburgh) died.....	1900

1901.

Death of Her Most Gracious Majesty
QUEEN VICTORIA,
Queen of Great Britain and Ireland,
Empress of India.

Constitutional Changes.

Coin Laws Repealed.....	1846
India Bill.....	1858
Second Reform Act.....	1867
Irish Church Act.....	1869
Irish Land Act.....	1870
English Education Act.....	1870
Ballot Act.....	1872
Scottish Education Act.....	1872
Public Worship Regulation Act.....	1874
Patronage Abolition Act.....	1874
Employers and Workmen Act.....	1875
Irish Repression Act.....	1881
Irish Crimes Act.....	1882
County Franchise Act.....	1884
Redistribution of Seats Act.....	1885
New Irish Crimes Act.....	1887
New Irish Land Act.....	1887
Local Govt. Act (England & Wales).....	1888
Local Govt. Act (Scotland).....	1889
Scottish Universities Act.....	1891
Free Education Act (Ireland).....	1892
Parish Councils Act (England & Wales).....	1893

Dominion Acquired or Lost.

Hongkong acquired.....	1842
Sindh annexed.....	1843
The Punjab taken.....	1849
Oudh annexed.....	1856
Kowloon annexed.....	1860
Basutoland acquired.....	1868
Fiji annexed.....	1874
Half of Suez Canal purchased.....	1875
Cyprus acquired.....	1878
Transvaal Republic proclaimed.....	1880
New Guinea acquired.....	1884
Niger Districts acquired.....	1885
British Bechuanaland acquired.....	1886
Upper Burma annexed.....	1886
Socotra annexed.....	1886
Zululand annexed.....	1887
Zanzibar annexed.....	1890
Helligoland ceded to Germany.....	1890
British South Africa annexed.....	1894
Pondoland annexed.....	1894
Kowloon Hinterland acquired.....	1898
South African Republics annexed.....	1900
Cook Islands annexed.....	1900

Wars, Battles, Treaties, etc.

First Chinese War.....	1839-42
Battle of Aikwa.....	1840
Battle of Shimon.....	1840
Battle of Chillianwalla.....	1849
Battle of Coochpur.....	1849
Russian War begins.....	1854
Battle of Alma.....	1854
Balaklava.....	1854
Lutskma.....	1854
Sebastopol taken.....	1855
Peace concluded at Paris.....	1856
Second Chinese War.....	1857-59
Indian Mutiny.....	1857-59
Third Chinese War.....	1894-95

Abyssinian War.....	1868
Ashantee War.....	1871-74
Zulu War.....	1878-79
Afghan War.....	1878-81
Transvaal War.....	1880
Egyptian War.....	1882
First Sudan War.....	1885
Burmese War.....	1885-86
Second Sudan War.....	1898
Boer War.....	1899

SUPREME COURT.

A case came before His Honour Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G. (Chief Justice), this morning. The number of the suit was announced when His Lordship, addressing the Court, Messrs. Robinson and Slade, said that it was with much grief that since they last met, a telegram had been received announcing the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. He felt that it was only proper that the Court should not go on with any case, so he proposed to adjourn the sitting till Friday next at half past ten. He might say that there will be a Meeting at the Court to-morrow of the members of the legal profession, that they might show their sympathy.

THE MASONIC BALL POSTPONED.

We have received the following letter for publication—
Hongkong, January 23rd, 1901.
E. W. Mitchell Esq.,
Hon. Secy.

Masonic Ball Committee.
Dear Sir and Brother—Owing to the death of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, no Masonic Ball can be held on the 4th February as arranged.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
(Signed) C. P. CHATER,
District Grand Master
of Hongkong & South China.

THE QUEEN AND HER SOLDIERS.

Sir Evelyn Wood, says a late home paper, has issued a message from the Queen thanking the Militia, Yeomanry, Volunteers, and Colonial troops for their services, and expressing her Majesty's reliance on those still employed abroad to continue to use their best efforts in aid of the regular army.

The Queen's "grateful appreciation of the signal services" of the Militia, Yeomanry, Volunteers, and colonial troops comes at a crisis in the history of the South African campaign when it will just give a timely stimulus not only to the efforts of those who directly concern, but to the patriotic determination of the whole nation and Empire to see the business through to the end. Her Majesty's pronouncement is, in fact, like every public utterance of hers, *felix opportunitatis*. When she "relies on those still employed abroad to use their best efforts in aid of her Regular Army," and expresses her appreciation of the sacrifices made "despite personal inconvenience and pecuniary loss," she goes straight to the core of the matter with her habitual unflinching perception. We do all feel that it is hard upon every man at the front, but hardest upon the voluntary contingents, that they should still be in grips with the enemy long after we hoped to have welcomed most of them home. But the work has got to be done, and our venerable Sovereign's timely words will encourage us all, in our different ways, to bear our share, whether in person or in purse, of an inevitable burden.

Still more will these words affect our soldiers when they remember that they were almost the last which our late Queen addressed to them.

ONE OF THE LAST FUNCTIONS VISITED BY THE QUEEN.

The Queen paid a visit this morning (Dec. 12th) to the Irish Exhibition at the Guildhall, Windsor. It is many years since her Majesty made a visit of this kind, and it is to be accounted a special mark of favour to the Irish people. The visit lasted from half-past twelve to one o'clock, and was entirely private. Only the ladies actually presiding over the stalls were present, in addition to the Earl of Arman and the Earl of Lucan, who received her Majesty at the entrance to the Guildhall. Her Majesty, who was wheeled round the large chamber in which the articles of Irish hand-work were displayed, paid a visit to each stall, and made extensive purchases. When our beloved and venerable Sovereign, who had thus shown her practical interest in the prosperity of a distressed portion of her Empire, was quitting the Guildhall, the Mayor (Mr. W. P. Reavell), who had lent the building, and the ex-Mayor (Mr. A. T. Barber), had the honour of being presented. The visit was most successful.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

TELEGRAMS FOR SHANGHAI AND BEYOND.

The Manager of the Joint Telegraph Coy. informs us that direct telegraphic communication with Shanghai is still totally interrupted. Messages are being wired to Foochow and thence posted to Shanghai.

The next steamer for Shanghai is advertised to leave Foochow on or about Saturday, 20th inst.

We are also informed that during the interruption of the direct cables to Shanghai, telegrams can be accepted for Shanghai and Japan via Tiflis and Vladivostok at the following rates:

Shanghai.....	\$4.25 per word.
Japan.....	\$4.25 per word.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—
On the 23rd at 11:55 a.m. Pressure appears to be giving way again in the North, and gradients have decreased in S. China. Moderate to light monsoon on the coast, and in N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate or light E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE will be no performance at the Circus in Happy Valley to-night.

We presume that all social functions in Hongkong will be cancelled for the present.

THERE will be no performance at the theatre to-night of Pollard's Lilliputian Company.

A NURSE, to take charge of children on the voyage home, is advertised for from Penang.

THE visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia via Singapore, will, of course, owing to the death of the Queen, be indefinitely postponed.

The English Mail of the 22nd December was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

The following balls will, we believe, be cancelled—The Volunteer, Masonic, Engineers. Also the A. D. C. rehearsals and performances and the Scotch Concert will be cancelled.

A HOME paper recently observed that possibly, when the diplomatic history of the expiring century is written from the necessary standpoint of distance, our children will learn more than it is possible for us yet to know of the influence for good which has been—often, perhaps, unconsciously—exercised by the venerable personality of the Queen.

The fast of Ramadan ended yesterday, and to-day is being observed as a feast day and general holiday by all Mohammedans. The local followers of the Prophet were about in all their best and made bright patches of colour amidst their more sober surroundings. It is, however, a sad feast day for the Mohammedan subjects of the late Queen-Empress.

PRINCE Bismarck called the Queen "the cleverest statesman in Europe," and the justice of the characterisation has been abundantly proved by the march of events. Perhaps no English monarch has so perfectly understood the English people; certainly none has so tactfully fulfilled the arduous and exacting duties that devolve upon the sovereign of these realms.

BEFORE Mr. Hazledan at the Magistracy this morning, a Chinaman stood charged with entering a matchbox in Cheung Chau and stealing money to the extent of about \$12. The defendant, together with some others not in custody, went into the matchbox, presented a knife at the occupants head, and took away all the available money. A woman was alone in the matchbox, and the evidence given by her was heard this morning. The case was adjourned to enable the complainant to procure more evidence. Sergeant Machardy had charge of the case.

THE following is the agenda paper of the Legislative Council which was to have been held on Thursday, the 24th January, at 3 p.m. but which has been postponed.

1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 1 to 4.)
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 2a.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Public Health in the Colony of Hongkong.
2. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Rating.
3. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Law as regards certain indecent outrages and assaults.
4. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Trustees.
5. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and declare in certain respects the Law to be administered in the Supreme Court.
6. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal various Statutes relating to Civil Procedure or Matters Connected therewith.
7. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to establish a Code of Procedure for the Regulation of the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading in the Civil Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Colony.
8. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891.

N.B.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

CANTON NOTES.

THE NEW VICEROY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, January, 22nd.

The new Viceroy for the two Kwongs is expected to arrive within the next ten days. No one seems to be able to forecast what his policy will be. On his way down, notices have been sent ahead instructing the people on account of his age to refrain from making presents to him and asking that no delegations be appointed to wait on him. It is to be hoped that greater respect may be shown to him than has been shown to the present Acting Viceroy. Proclamations issued by the present Viceroy command little respect. Frequently they are torn down the same day that they are posted. During the last day or two a proclamation was issued calling for subscriptions for the support of the Imperial Court, but in many streets the proclamation was allowed to remain on the walls only a short time. Perhaps in this instance the people were showing their contempt for the Emperor Dowager as such, rather than their contempt for the Viceroy. The Viceroy has already sent 200,000 taels as a contribution for court expenses, but this is probably the official contribution and it yet remains to be seen how much the people will contribute.

SUPERSTITIONS.

Early in the year the Chinese predicted that this would be a bad year for the present dynasty. An old prophecy was referred to which said that when there occurred a Chinese year with two eighth months the dynasty would come to an end. How near this prophecy has been fulfilled we all know.

Another wise saying has been brought to light during the last day or two. According to the Chinese mode of reckoning, the last few days should have been extremely cold, but it has been warm. Now it is said that away back in the Chou dynasty the same kind of weather prevailed, and that year the court moved to the east and died of inherent weakness. This year warm weather instead of cold has prevailed and the court has moved, but to the west and will also die of inherent weakness.

THE PLAGUE.

Number of cases reported (Chinese.....)	5
up till noon of the 21st. Other Asiatics.....	0
January, 1901.....	0
Number of cases reported (Chinese.....)	0
during the past 24 hours. Other Asiatics.....	0
January, 1901.....	0
Total number of cases reported to date.....	7

Number of deaths reported (Chinese.....)	5
up till noon of the 21st. Other Asiatics.....	0
January, 1901.....	0
Number of deaths reported (Chinese.....)	0
during the past 24 hours. Other Asiatics.....	0
January, 1901.....	0
Total number of deaths reported to date.....	7

STRANDING OF THE S.S. "HUB."

Mr. A. R. Marty, owner of the S.S. *Hub* writes:—
For the information of the public I beg to inform you that I am just in receipt of a Telegram from our Haiphong agent as follows:—
"S.S. *Hub*, ran ashore during a fog yesterday 21st, at 4 a.m. N.W. by W. of Cape Cami, S.S. *Halcyon* ordered to proceed immediately to render assistance; have no further news."

THE STRANDING OF THE "TAM-SUI-MARU."

HOPES OF SAVING THE SHIP ENTERTAINED.

The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, agents for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha have received further particulars of the stranding of the *Tam-sui-Maru*. It appears that the vessel was on her way from Tamsui to Amoy, and at about 9 a.m. on the 21st instant, stranded on a reef off Quemoy Island during a dense fog. A hole was knocked in the vessel's bottom, and the banks and she was beached to prevent her sinking. Hopes are now entertained that she may be saved from becoming a total wreck.

"IN TOWN."

Mr. Pollard's troupe of fairies achieved another decided success last night when "In Town" was presented to an appreciative audience. This piece, though not so well-known as the "Belle of New York" or the "Gaiety Girl" is in reality much cleverer and more amusing. The music is of no very high order, but is bright and attractive throughout. The plot, as is usual in musical comedies, is of the thinnest. It represents the struggle of a well-born but needy man-about-town to keep the proverbial wolf from the door; and cleverly illustrates the process known as living by one's wits.

We find him when the curtain rises installed in one of London's modern palaces, the "Caravanseirah," the manager of which is vainly endeavouring to extract from him the amount of his bill. A well-planned *amorce* has gained him an invaluable ally in the hotel hall-porter, Hoffman, who aids the impetuous hero in keeping obtrusive duns at a distance by the simple process of "chucking" them as fast as they present themselves.

To the Caravanseirah comes an aristocratic party, the Duke and Duchess of Duffshire, their children, Lord Clanside and Lady Gwendoline, and the family chaplain, the Rev. Samuel Hopkins. The avowed purpose of their visit to Town is to be present at the May Meetings at Exeter Hall; but the Duchess is the only one who is sincere in the avowal.

A late governor of affairs, who to avoid the embarrassing attention of the Duke left them to go on the stage, has suddenly achieved a giddy prominence of Prima Donna of the Ambiguity Theatre. The Duke has come to London to pursue her with his unwelcome attentions. His son, Lord Clanside, is in love with the principal dancer at the Ambiguity; but as neither of them have the entrée into the theatrical world they are obliged to depend upon the good offices of the needy hero, Captain Coddington. He introduces them to the strange society found behind the scenes, and in the Green-room, they meet their divinities in all the glare of the stage. Lady Gwendoline, who cherishes an affection for her late governor, has found her way round to the dressing-room of the latter. When at length the Duchess, paces on the track by an unused stall-ticket, pushes her errand husband to the Green-room, she finds her whole party, for even the Chaplain has been unable to resist the attraction of the stage and he, too, has managed to make his way behind the scenes. In the usual whirl of musical comedy plot, Lord Clanside presents the principal dancer, Flo Fanstave, as his future bride; Coddington, placed above poverty and duns by a Colonial appointment in the gift of the Duke, wins the hand of the Prima Donna, the Miss Hetherington. The Duchess, in the generosity and large-mindedness of the stage aristocrat, forgives everybody, and the curtain falls on general happiness and a patriotic tableau.

Captain Coddington is played, and well-played too, by Master Willie Pollard. The marvellous acting and stage savvy faire of this talented young comedian is well displayed in this rôle.

Miss Minnie Topping, who won all hearts in "The Belle," is delightful as Kitty Hetherington, the prima donna, and her well-trained voice was heard to advantage in the sparkling music of the piece. Dainty wee Miss Madge Williams was wonderfully full of spirit as the Little Miss Agnes Benetto, as Lady Gwendoline's little Miss Agnes Turner danced as gracefully as ever as "Flo Fanstave" and her rendering of "A Little Bit of String" was rapturously enjoyed.

The Call-boy, Shrimp (Miss Daphne Trot) played a comparatively small part into the success of the evening; and "Keep your eye on the Call-boy" brought down the house.

Hoffman, the German hall-porter was excellently played by Miss Emma Thomas.

The feature of the evening was the dancing, the Grand Flower Ballet and the Black and White. Quartette were the prettiest and best-executed dances ever done on a Hongkong stage, and would not have disgraced the boards of the London Gaiety.

As announced elsewhere, the performance for this evening has been abandoned, owing to the receipt of the news of our beloved Queen's death.

NATIONAL GREATNESS.

The source of national greatness, says Mr. Edmund Noble, in November's *"Atlantic"*, is not only the result in the individual of the life now being lived by a people, but it is also a higher degree of race virility being understood—that subtle thing which we call brain structure, on which are impressed the whole experiences of a people in the past. If a nation is in decay, the past goes for little, however glorious it may have been; but if a people be, physiologically speaking, in the ascendant, then it takes its strength or weakness from the character of its heredity. This is why the United States and Great Britain are to-day the two mightiest and most durable nations in the world. Satisfying in a high degree the conditions of social efficiency, they have both had rich race experiences, and it is these that, with the individual brain, have made it strong with the whole strength of the wonderful process and story of Anglo-Saxon development.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.
JANUARY.
Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer.....	30.159
Thermometer.....	59.7
Humidity.....	74
Rainfall.....	1.41

Shipping.

Arrivals.

YORIHIMI-MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,071 T.	Y.
Mimami-kawa, 22nd Jan., Japan 15th Jan.	Y.
Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Y.
TAISHUN, American steamer, 1,216 T.	P.
23rd Jan., Canton 22nd Jan., General—	C. M. S. N. Co.

TO-DAY.

Chinese—5th of 12th moon of 1900 year of Kwang-si.	6hr. 40min.
Sun—Rises.....	6hr. 40min.
Sets.....	5hr. 30min.
High water—Morning.....	10hr. 47min.
Afternoon.....	4hr. 50min.
Low water—Morning.....	4hr. 50min.
Afternoon.....	4hr. 15min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1801—First Imperial Parliament.
- 1835—Crew of the *Argyle* seized by the Chinese authorities on the China coast.
- 1841—Hongkong ceded to England.
- 1877—The first Chinese Ambassadors arrived in London.
- 1879—Battles of Rorke's Drift and of Isandula.
- 1886—Steamship *Corinth* sunk by H.M.S. *Firebrand* near Amoy.
- 1893—American ship *Robert L. Bell* wrecked near Natuna Island.
- 1897—Death of Sir Isaac Pitman.
- 1898—Partial eclipse of the sun, visible in Hongkong.

TO-MORROW.

Chinese—5th of 12th moon of 1900 year of Kwang-si.	6hr. 43min.
Sun—Rises.....	6hr. 43min.
Sets.....	5hr. 30min.
Moon—in Equator 6hr. a.m.	
High water—Morning.....	11hr. 50min.
Afternoon.....	11hr. 37min.
Low water—Morning.....	5hr. 37min.
Afternoon.....	5hr. 7min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1671—Matheus Ricci, the Jesuit missionary, entered Peking.
- 1870—U.S. corvette *Arena* lost through collision with F. & O. steamer *Bowley* near Yokohama.
- 1899—Mr. John Daly the released dynamiter elected Mayor of Limerick City.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

- Cargo ex *Kawachi Maru* subject to rent.
- Cargo ex *City of Rio de Janeiro* subject to rent.
- Cargo ex *Catharine Apcar* subject to rent.

TO-MORROW.

- Daylight—D. & Co.'s steamer *Thales* leaves for Swatow.
- "Ben" Line steamer *Benader* leaves for Singapore and Penang.
- A. L. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Maria Valeria* leaves for Singapore Penang etc.
- 11.30 a.m.—Meeting of the Shareholders of the West Point Building Co. Ld. at the Company's Offices.
- Neon—Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co. Ld

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"COROMANDEL,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods being landed and placed *under their risk* in Hongkong and Kowloon, and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where the consignment will be sorted out mark-by-mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

- From London, &c., *ex S.S. China & Valparaiso.*
- From Persian Gulf, *ex S.S. Kilma, Narnah and Pemba.*
- From Zanzibar, &c. *ex S.S. Kola.*

Optional Goods will be landed here under instructions are given to the contrary be to A. M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 24th instant, P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within 4 days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

A. M. MARSHALL,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship
"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Captain Evans, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignee risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remain undelivered after the 25th instant will be

to rent, and the said Assistant, will be ready
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods can
be left in the Godowns, at 2.30 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co
Agents,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1901.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamers
"COPTIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "GYMERIC,"
FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.
CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at the risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED

— Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. — [

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT-SAÏD, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"MORAVIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed

their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo,
From Plume, *ex S.S. Medea.*
From Massaua, *ex S.S. Styria.*
Optional Cargo will be discharged here und
notified to the contrary be given immediately
No Claims will be admitted after the God
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must
sent in to the office of the Undersigned bef
Noon, on the 28th instant, or they will not
recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, a
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after

28th instant, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER WIELER & CO.

Agents
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1901.

"DEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP "BENLOMOND"
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being loaded at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 25th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd instant, at 2 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Wm. of Ladyside & Co. are to be paid by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1901.

